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AMS-02
Project
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Introduction

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Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer



Description

AMS-02 is a high energy physics experiment that employs a unique, superconducting electromagnet (SFHe @ 2 K) to produce a strong, uniform magnetic field (~0.8 Tesla) combined with a state-of-the-art precision spectrometer to search for anti-matter (anti-helium and anti-carbon), dark matter, dark energy and to understand Cosmic Ray propagation.

Investigators:

- The AMS team, led by Nobel laureate Prof. Samuel Ting/MIT, has approximately 200 physicists from multiple countries participating.
- USA sponsorship by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Flown under a NASA / DOE interagency agreement (9/95) for two flights:
 Engineering Test on Shuttle (STS-91) and 3 yr Science Mission on ISS.
- NASA/JSC Engineering Directorate is assigned Project Management and Payload Integration task (AMS Project Office/Engineering Directorate)



Review History



Design Reviews

- PDR June 2000 Successfully Completed
- CDR May 2005 Successfully Completed

Flight Safety Reviews

- Phase O/I Jan. 2001 Successfully Completed
- Phase II May 2007 Successfully Completed
- Phase III TBD 12 months prior to launch

Ground Safety Reviews

- Phase O/I Mar. 2002 Successfully Completed
- Phase II Sept. 2008 In Process
- Phase III TBD 2-3 Months prior to arrival at KSC for ground processing



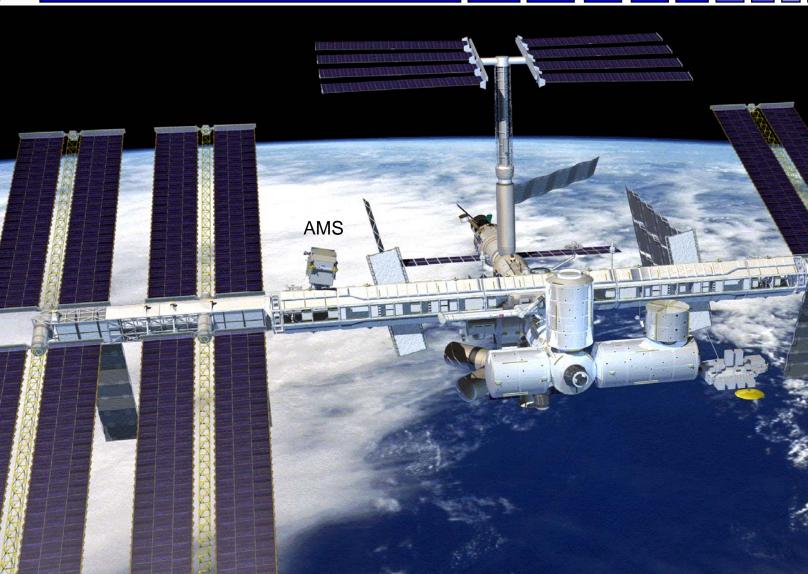
Flight Status



- AMS was manifested prior to November 2005 when the Shuttle manifest was reduced by 10 flights
- NASA HQ has requested that my office continue to process the payload for launch on a Shuttle
- No current shuttle launch opportunity exists
- There is speculation, based on recent congressional activity, that AMS could potentially be added to an existing flight or that a new flight could be added for AMS. No decision has been made by NASA HQ.



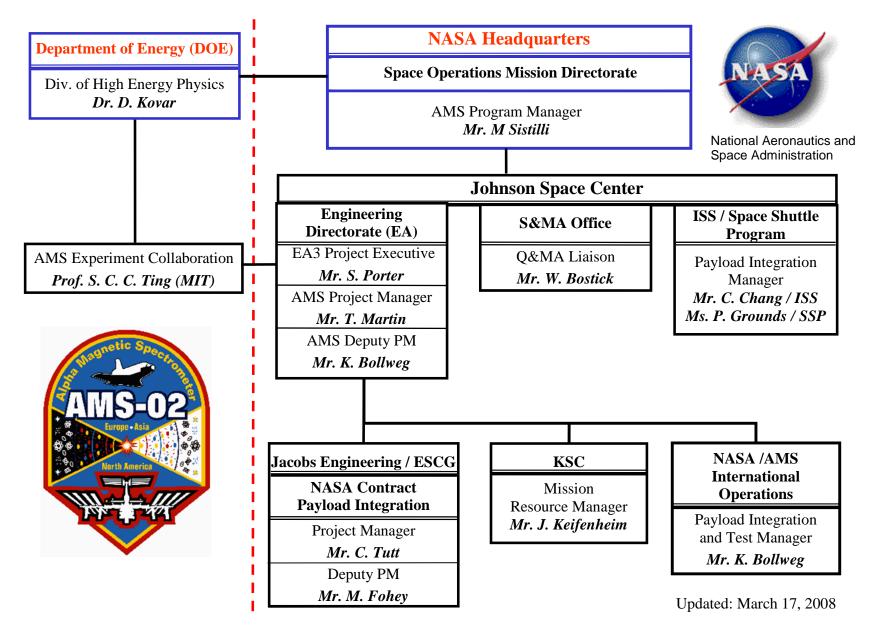




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AMS Project Functional Organization Chart





AMS Top Level Specifications

AMS Unpress STS Cabin

Upmass 15,100 lbs 72 lbs

Volume ¼ Bay Payload 2 ft³

Power 2,400 W Cont. (ISS & STS) 60 W Cont. (STS)

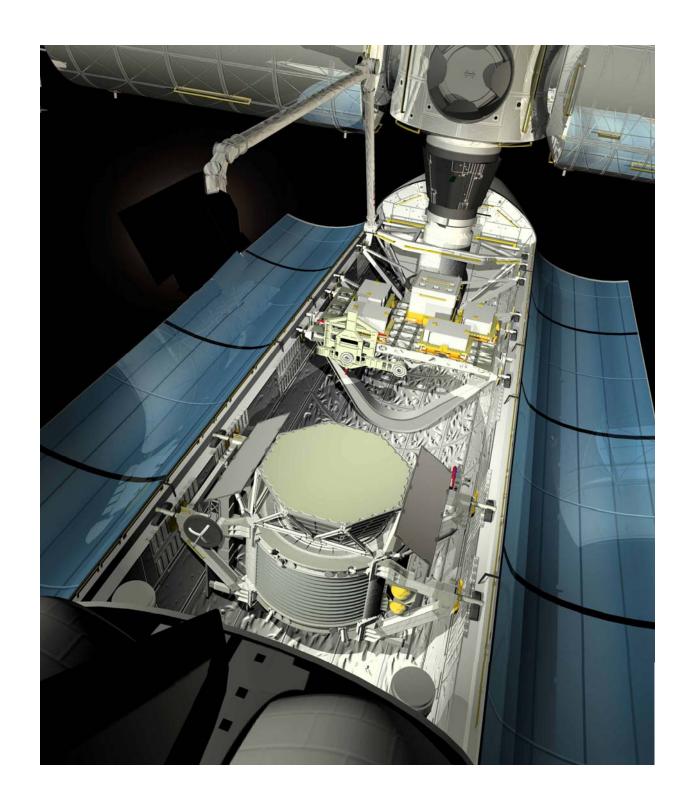
2,800 W Peak (ISS)

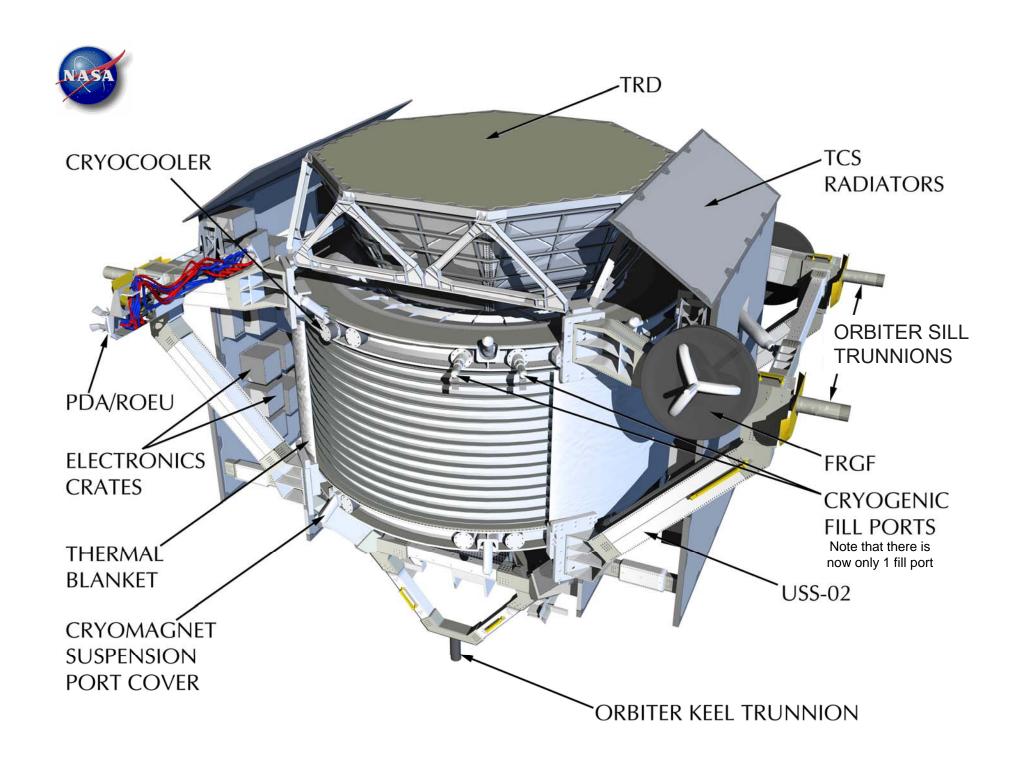
High-rate Data 2 Mbps (can burst up to 20 Mbps) 2 Mbps

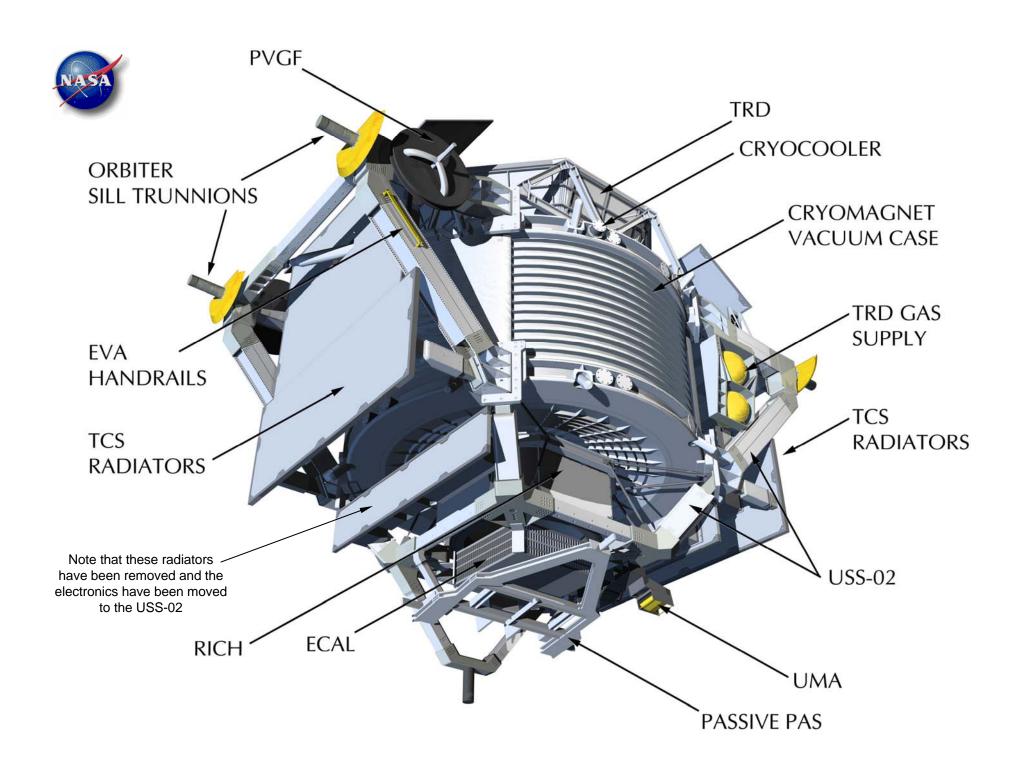
Crew Time Robotic only during install >10 Hrs Total

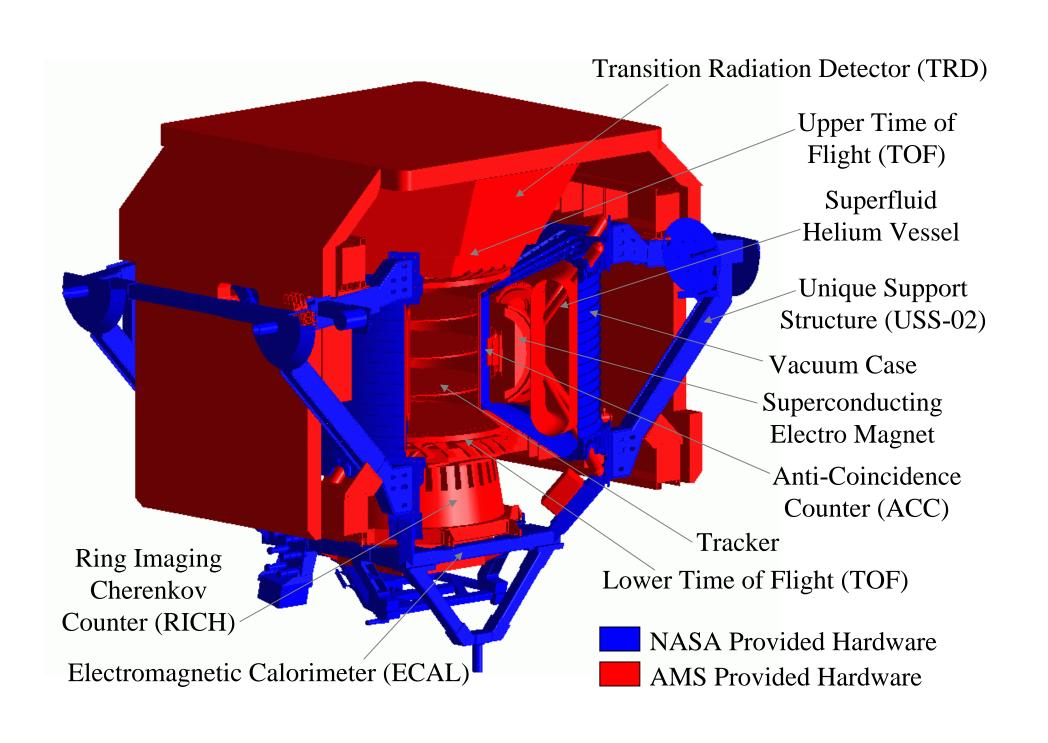
Magnetic Field 8500 G Center of Magnet, 2000 G Max Fringe Field at VC

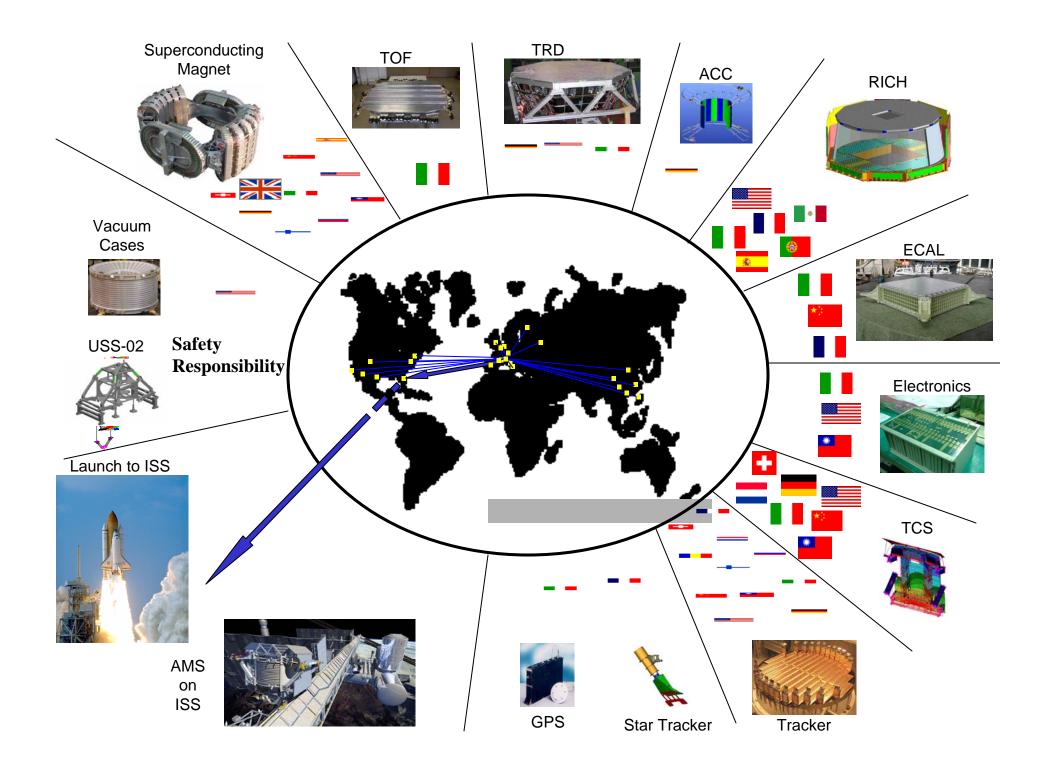
(1400 G Center of Magnet on AMS-01)















Pre-Launch, Launch & Operations





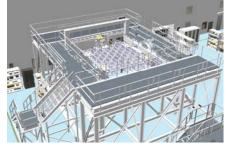
Offline Processing



~3 weeks

- Payload and GSE arrives by plane at KSC landing strip
- Some hardware will arrive by truck or hand carried
- Lower USS and STS/ISS integration hardware will be attached in SSPF
- SFHe tank will be filled during offline processing
- Magnet will be charged during offline processing
- Detectors will be checked to ensure no changes during transportation

Online Processing



~3 months

- AMS will be handed over to KSC for online processing at SSPF
- AMS will be placed in ELC Rotation Stand and tested with the PRCU
- AMS Payload Attach System Interfaces, Umbilical Mechanism Assembly interfaces, and External Berthing Camera System alignment will be checked
- Payload weight will be checked (must be as close to full on SFHe as possible)
- Payload placed in Canister, rotated, and sent to pad
- SFHe tank topoff will be continuous in PCR





Prelaunch – Payload Bay



- T0 Umbilical power for Vent Pump, Cryocoolers, Valves, CAB, Critical monitoring functions & J Crate
- SFHe Tank Top off complete at L-88 hours
- Magnet will not be charged in Shuttle
- L-30 Minutes Close SFHe Tank vent valve and deactivate vent pump and cryocoolers
- Continuously monitor health status of cryosystem until L-9 minutes
- L-9 Minutes Go/No Go call from AMS

Ascent



- Launch T0 Disconnect
- SFHe Tank nominal vent valve operations during ascent utilizing barometric switch with backup BFS GPC Command



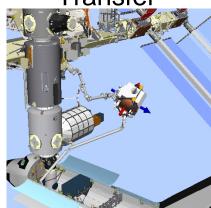


On-Orbit STS Operations



- Power up experiment (Max 2kW)
- Activate and thermally condition experiment
- Magnet cannot be charged in Shuttle because it cannot receive power
- Dock to ISS on MET Day 3

Transfer



- Give Go/No-Go call to transfer AMS
- Grapple AMS FRGF with SRMS
- Disconnect Remotely Operated Electrical Umbilical (ROEU)
- Release longeron and keel trunnions
- Remove AMS from payload bay
- Handoff from SRMS (FRGF) to SSRMS (PVGF)
- Place AMS on S3 Upper Inboard Payload Attach Site using External Berthing Cues System (EBCS)
- Attach AMS mechanically with PAS and electrically with UMA





On-Orbit ISS Operations



- Activate Experiment
- Charge Magnet
- Stay/No Stay Decision from AMS before Shuttle leaves
- ~3 Years of Continuous Operations with magnet charged. Science data still possible once magnet runs out of SFHe.
- Primary control from ground
- Crew interface available through Express Rack Laptop (nominal ops require very little crew involvement)